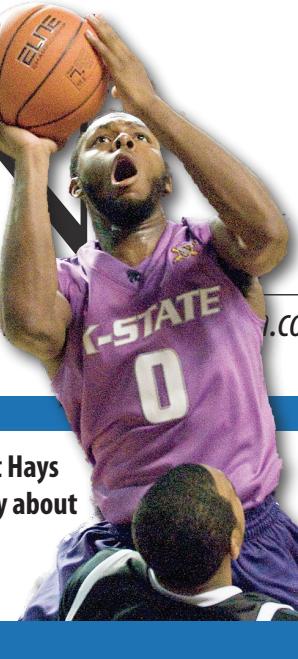




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EDGE



The holiday season is here. Check out Page 8 to read about the different ways people celebrate in the month of December.

ONLINE



Log on to kstatecollegian.com to watch a video of the K-State Music Department's jazz concert Tuesday.

SPORTS

K-State narrowly beat Fort Hays State last night. For a story about the game turn to Page 6.

CITY COMMISSION

Meeting gets heated over new hotel

Corene Brisendine

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Commissioners began Tuesday night's meeting optimistically.

Commissioner Jayme Morris-Hardeman announced a transit plan is being updated and a public input meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday at City Hall. Mayor Bob Strawn invited citizens to attend the annual Mayor's Spirit of the Holiday Lighted Parade beginning at 6 p.m., Friday downtown. Commissioner James Sherew said he visited the new ice skating rink this past weekend and there were not enough skates for everyone wanting to skate, demonstrating the success of the rink.

The meeting quickly changed tone as the consent agenda passed with Strawn and Commissioner Loren Pepperd voting against the city employees receiving raises. All other consent agenda items passed unanimously.

The first reading of the ordinance to rezone the south-end redevelopment, also known as the entertainment district, upset the majority of the commission.

"I cannot believe what we are building," Strawn said as he slammed his fist down on the table top. "It has no tie

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Students, staff line up for flu vaccines

By Tim Schrag

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

H1N1 vaccinations were available to all K-State faculty, students and staff at a clinic in Forum Hall on Tuesday.

This was the first time an H1N1 clinic was open to both K-State students and staff. Previous clinics were only open to one group or the other.

Theresa Doyle, health educator for Lafene Health Center, said coordinating these clinics is fairly simple. It is merely a matter of coordinating with the K-State Student Union.

"Obviously we want to be convenient for students, scheduling it at times that are conducive to their schedules," she said.

Doyle said the clinics are also determined by availability of the vaccination and the recommendations set forth by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

"They are the ones who set the eligibility requirements that we've been going off of, so we follow their recommendations as well as our availability for students," Doyle said.

Monday's clinic was the fourth the health center has

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Affordable reading

Varney's to offer rentals, digital textbooks

By Karen Ingram
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students will have new local alternative to buying text books beginning next semester.

Starting in January Varney's Bookstore will offer the option of renting textbooks or purchasing digital versions of them called Jumpbooks.

In some cases, the newest edition of a book is not necessary every year, particularly for lower level classes that are offered every semester. After researching the textbook rental programs offered at other colleges across the country, Jeff Levin, co-owner of Varney's, decided this could be a valuable opportunity for K-State students.

Not all classes will have textbook rental available as an alternative, but it will be an option for many. In order to keep the price of rentals down, the faculty or department using the book must commit to using the same edition for at least four semesters, Levin said. For this reason, some of the higher level classes will not have rentals as an option because they have stricter requirements for keeping their textbook versions up to date.

Rentals can be kept for a semester and returned or students can buy their textbooks at any time during the rental period. The rentals will be available from both Varney's and the K-State Student Union Bookstore.

Inside each of the rental textbooks will be a list of terms and commitments for students. The rules are similar to those used by any library: Students will be responsible for loss or damage to a book, must return it on time and cannot write in it.

However, Varney's is not the only place where students can rent books. Web sites like Chegg.com and CampusBookRentals.com allow students to search for their books and rent them online. The books are then shipped to the students, who specify how long they need them. With these two sites, there is a full refund guaranteed for the first 30 days. Books rented from these sites can also be purchased instead of returned if students decide they want to keep their books.

This spring, Varney's will also be offering rental i>clickers, which are small remote controls with buttons labeled A through E. In classes like biology, chemistry and psychology i>clickers are frequently used for exams and surveys.

Levin said he decided it would be best to educate everyone about the pros and cons of Jumpbooks. Computers have already been set up in both Varney's and the Union Bookstore with examples loaded for students and faculty to try firsthand. Printed brochures that list the pros and cons of Jumpbooks are also available. To prevent theft and keep prices down, the access codes will not activate until they have been processed by a cash register at the store, Levin said.

Another textbook option available to students is Jumpbooks, electronic copies of textbooks available online. Students purchase an access code from Varney's to access the book on Jumpbooks.com.

Jumpbooks offer features hard copies of the textbooks do not have, such as the ability to search for keywords or phrases through the entire text and add personalized notes, bookmarks, highlighting and more.

Levin said several other universities offered Jumpbooks, but many did not inform students and faculty about how they work. As a result, some students did not purchase them, and some faculty and publishers did not have digital versions of their books made for fear of electronic theft.

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they decide to drop the class. Also, while most of the Jumpbooks have the option to print off pages, a few do not and are only available to read in digital form.

"It's not for everyone," he said.

Jayme Carpenter, assistant textbook manager at Varney's, said about 180 textbooks were available as Jumpbooks so far,

and more were expected in the future. She also said Jumpbooks were, on average, about \$50

cheaper than used textbooks.

Morgan Peters, freshman in management information systems, said she works full time to support her way through school and spent about \$250 on her textbooks at Varney's this semester. She had tried to find more affordable alternatives elsewhere, but discovered places that offered cheaper textbooks did not provide the software she needed to go with it.

"Saving on books would be very, very helpful," Peters said.

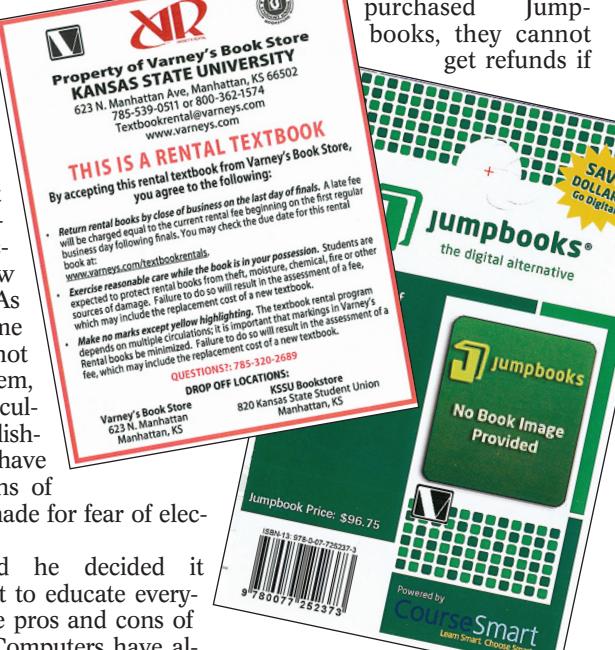
"I think it would be a wonderful idea because then more money could be focused on tuition."

Levin said the stores are working on other ideas to make textbooks more affordable for students and to provide more options in the near future.

"We live and breathe textbooks," Levin said. "It's our job."



Samantha Schmitt, freshman in life sciences, browses the book shelves in Varney's Bookstore for a book she could bundle up and read during the winter weather.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Construction underway for hotel, retail center

By Pauline Kennedy
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With the continuing growth of the Manhattan community, construction is inevitable.

The intersection of 17th Street and Yuma Street, south of Fort Riley Boulevard, is currently in transition to accommodate a four-story hotel and a retail center.

Chad Leonard, chief operating officer for Alcon & Associates, said the hotel will be Parkwood Inn and Suites. It will hold 80 rooms and should be completed by next summer. He also said the retail center should be finished around April of next year.

"I think it's a great location," Leonard said. "It's a very high traffic area."

Eric Cattell, assistant director for planning, said the hotel will be built on the north side, facing Yuma Street,

and the retail center will be on the south, facing Fort Riley Boulevard.

To make space for the construction, several storage sheds and a vacant church buildings were removed.

People's Grocery, a local natural and organic grocery store, also located at the 17th Street and Yuma intersection, has not yet been demolished, but Cattell said the space will eventually be used for the hotel parking lot.

Scott Brelsford, general manager of People's Grocery, said the store will stay open until the new retail center is complete, and then it will move into the new center.

Brelsford said store managers were worried the construction might cause problems with the electricity, but said it has not interfered with



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Construction equipment occupying the now vacant lot at 17th Street and Yuma Street can be seen at work by cars and pedestrians. The lot will become a hotel and retail center.



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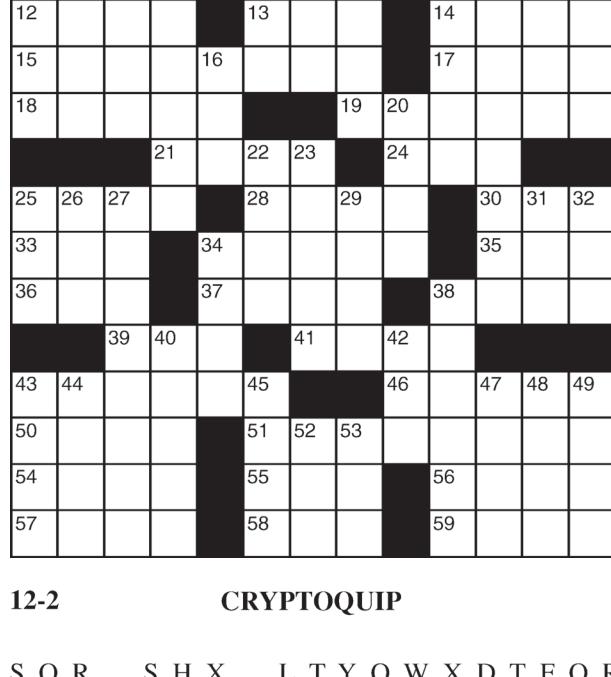


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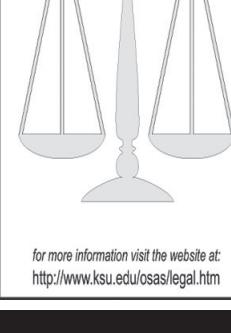
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STREET TALK

Check out **Page 3** for a story about the benefits of stress.

Q: Are you stressed?



“ A little bit. I’m worried that procrastination is going to catch up on me.



“ Yeah, I have five finals on finals week. I am sort of worried about preparation. I haven’t started preparing yet.



“ Yes, I am graduating in a few days. There is a lot to do.



“ No. I am actually feeling pretty comfortable and excited. I am looking forward to things coming up in this next semester.

THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Xin Deng at 9 a.m. today in Throckmorton Hall 4031. The thesis topic is "Identification and Characterization of Pseudomonas syringae Mutants Altering the Induction of Type III Secretion System."

Lafene Health Center's registered dietitian will be at the K-State Student Union Food Court for Ask the Dietitian from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. today to answer nutrition questions for "Get the 411: Eating During Finals Week."

Career and Employment Services is promoting Walk-in Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. today in Holtz Hall. For more information, visit k-state.edu/ces.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Christie Brungardt at 3 p.m. today in Blumenthal Hall 368. The thesis topic is "College Graduates' Perceptions of Their Use of Teamwork Skills: Soft Skill Development in Fort Hays State University Leadership Education."

Intramural entries will be accepted for 3-point shootouts through Thursday. Sign up in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. Competition will be in the small gym from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Times are available when students can submit entries. Enter as an individual or a team of four. The cost is \$1.08 per person (including tax). To download entry forms and for more information, go to the intramural activities and events page at recservices.k-state.edu.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Mohamed Ishak Mohamed Ismail at 11 a.m. Monday in Cardwell Hall 133. The thesis

topic is "Lower Bounds for Heights in Cyclotomic Extensions and Related Problems."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Wijith Prasantha Munasinghe at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Waters Hall 350. The thesis topic is "Cluster-Based Lack of Fit Tests for Nonlinear Regression Models."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Hongwang Wang at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 9 in Chemistry/Biochemistry Building 437. The thesis topic is "I. Studies of NHC-Palladium(IV) Species in C-H bond Activation Process II. Synthesis of Functionalized Bimagnetic Core/Shell Iron/Iron Oxide Nanoparticles for the Treatment of Cancer."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Douglas Wallace at noon Dec. 10 in Waters Hall 224. The thesis topic is "Violent Delinquency in America – The Determinants of Carrying Firearms Among Juveniles: A Theoretical Comparative Analysis."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Hao Yan at 10 a.m. Dec. 15 in Cardwell Hall 119. The thesis topic is "Solubility Phase Transition Behavior of Gold Nanoparticles in Colloidal Solution."

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There is a clarification for the Dec. 1 issue of the Collegian.

K-State Proud's Web site is www.k-stateproud.org. You must type "www." in front of the address to access the proper Web site.

If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Sarah Rajewski at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

DAILY BLOTTER

To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site, kstatecollegian.com.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

Make sure to read **Page 1** for a story about Varney's new book rental policy.

Do you rent your text books? **A) Yes B) No**

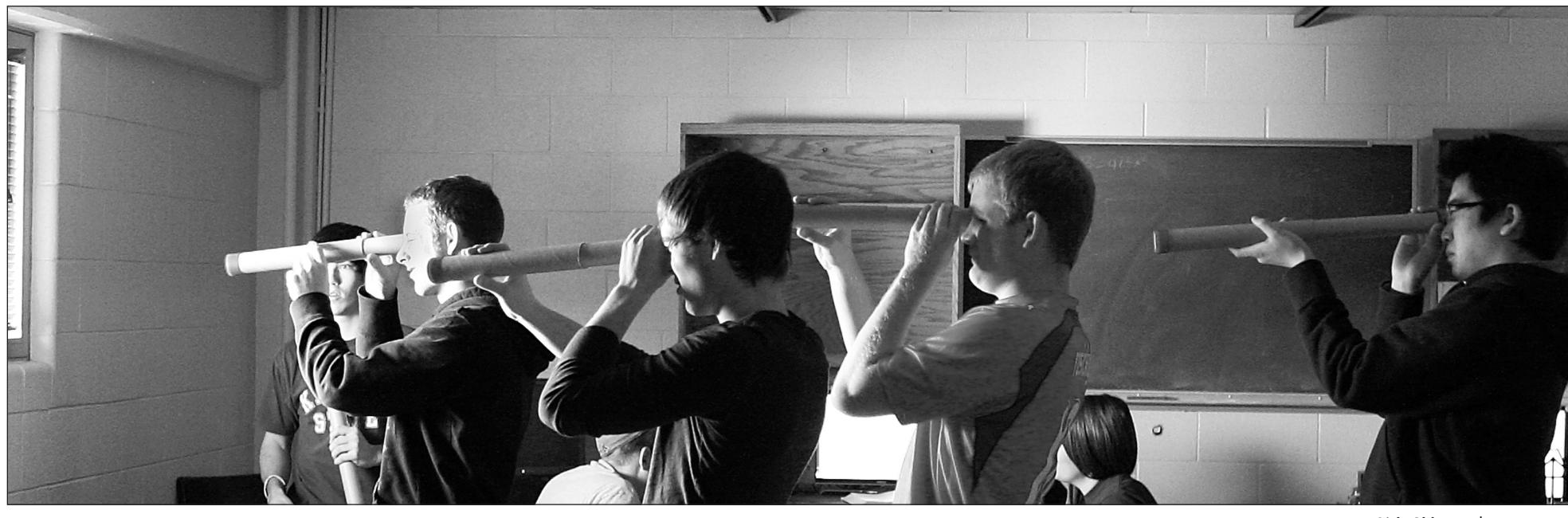
To submit your answer, visit kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

Tuesday's results: How many MIPs or MICs have you received?

A) 0: 76 % B) 1: 11 % C) 2: 5% D) 3: 0 % E) More than 3: 0 % F) I'm voting from my jail cell: 5 %

Holiday Decorating Contest

Gaining perspective



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Students gaze through the window with telescopes to investigate the ability of a lens to magnify images Tuesday afternoon in an Engineering Physics Lab in Cardwell Hall.

Study shows some amount of stress benefits body, mind

By Melissa Short
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Ask college students if they enjoy the stress of classes, tests and jobs and the answer will probably be a resounding "No."

However, new research supports the theory that stress might have health benefits. In an article in Women's Health Magazine, several recent studies claimed short-term stress, like from cramming for a test, can boost the immune system and broaden mental capacity.

Art Rathbun, counselor at University Counseling Services and biofeedback specialist, said the biggest student stress he sees is people adjusting to collegiate life when first arriving. Throughout college, Rathbun said the beginning and ending of relationships, choosing a career path in the tough economy, threats about the future and grades are what worry students the most.

"I would say that I feel stress every day," said Melissa Dalton, junior in animal sciences and industry. "It comes from juggling work and school and always having to choose between them."

In the article, researchers emphasize that there must be relaxation time after being stressed to allow the body to heal. Without giving the body time to recov-

er from harmful stress, it becomes tired and receives none of the potential benefits of stress.

"If I try to relax while I'm stressed, I just feel more stressed because every day I either have work or school or both, and I know there are things I should be doing," Dalton said.

Dalton said when she has a day off work, she tries to take the day for herself so she can relax a little.

Stress for college students might seem never-ending, making it hard to find time to unwind with other more pressing issues. Andrea Dugan, junior in animal sciences and industry, said she feels more stressed after she takes a break.

"I like to watch TV or read to relax, but the whole time I know that I could be studying or being productive, but I'm watching TV instead," Dugan said.

Students often have many obligations beyond class — they are employees, members of clubs and greek houses, graduate school hopefuls and friends. Being pulled in so many directions can take its toll.

"It is really hard to do homework and study for tests while also trying to get into vet school and preparing for the interview," Dugan said.

For Dugan, she said she feels stressed about twice a week.

Rathbun said the key to stress is learning what amount is right for an individual and learning to manage stress in a healthy way.

"The only way to not have stress is to be dead," Rathbun said. "The key is to find the best amount of stress for you — some people function best under more stress and others prefer fewer stressors."

"We're learning more and more that those who learn the skills to manage stress and have their ideal amount of stress are more successful, more productive, healthier and happier."

According to the Women's Health article, new research is refuting the idea that stress can make a person sick. Unless the person is already sick, the human body is strong enough to combat the negative effects of stress and ward off long-term damage.

"I don't think stress gets to me enough to make me sick," Dalton said. "I'm so used to it that it doesn't affect me much anymore."

Rathbun said some students do develop health problems, depression and significant anxiety associated with stress, but these problems develop because of difficulties with managing and dealing with stress, not because of stress itself.

"If a person's whole life seems to be chaos and they are not taking care of

themselves, that can sometimes trigger health problems — but not always," Rathbun said.

Living a healthy lifestyle and exercising regularly, though, should be enough for students to manage stress, Rathbun said. Exercise can also be a relaxation tool because it helps the body overcome stress.

Rathbun offered several other tips to handling stress. First, a good diet can be very helpful in dealing with stress. Sleep is also necessary, with an ideal amount of between eight and nine hours, although seven hours works for some, Rathbun said.

"Find out what you need and try to consistently get enough sleep because the sleep deficit has to be paid sometime," Rathbun said.

A support system or good friends and family make life easier and will help students deal with problems, along with the support system offered by K-State, Rathbun said.

Relaxation tips are available at Counseling Services, or students can also go online to UniversityLifeCafe.com. It is a K-State supported Web site that offers ways to relax and an outlet for students who are stressed, depressed, struggling with classes and other issues college students experience.

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Marijuana restrictions should be lifted

For over 200 years, the American government has ostensibly sought to protect every citizen's right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." In other words, as long as they don't infringe upon the rights of others, human beings ought to have the freedom to choose their lifestyle. Doing so is crucial to individual happiness as well as social progress.



BETH MENDENHALL

This core tenet of American democratic thought is being denied in many instances, but one in particular has been irking me lately. Any citizen who believes alcohol and tobacco use, as currently regulated, should be a free choice cannot deny without contradiction that marijuana ought to be legalized.

What most people believe about alcohol and tobacco already justifies marijuana legalization. Consider what we know: Alcohol and tobacco have adverse health consequences, for either the consumer or those around them. Alcohol impairs a user's ability to perform some common tasks safely, such as driving a car or caring for a child. Both are chemically and psychologically addictive. Yet, many adults still choose to consume alcohol or tobacco, because it is a part of their chosen lifestyle. Legal restrictions are designed to protect that choice while mitigating its potential harms.

Marijuana is healthier, safer and less addictive than alcohol or tobacco. Recent scientific studies, only a select few of which I can cite here, are challenging misinformed cultural beliefs about the drug.

For example, the BBC recently reported that David Nutt, professor of neuropsychopharmacology at Imperial College London and former chairman of the UK's Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, publicly recanted his government's position on the drug, arguing, "It is safer than tobacco and alcohol and, overall, does not lead to major health problems." Alcohol is far more toxic than marijuana – just 10 times the standard dose can kill you.

There has never been a reported death from marijuana overdose. While the negative effects of the smoking medium apply to both cigarettes and marijuana, cannabis users can avoid the risk of lung cancer by baking with it instead.

According to a 1999 report in the Institute of Medicine, fewer than 10 percent of marijuana users become dependent on the drug, whereas 32 percent of tobacco and 15 percent of alcohol users meet the criteria for addiction. Cannabis addiction is primarily psychological rather than chemical, in contrast to tobacco and alcohol addiction, which is usually both.

The "gateway drug" myth rests on faulty logic. While it's true most users of harder drugs started with marijuana (and probably alcohol or tobacco), the vast majority of marijuana users never move on to those drugs. If marijuana

could be purchased via a regulated, legal market, users wouldn't come into contact with cocaine or heroine dealers at all, thus avoiding the pressure or persuasion to try more dangerous narcotics.

Marijuana use in both the short and long term can be detected, making restrictions easy to enforce. It should be illegal to consume cannabis under a certain age, while driving or while caring for a child. Treating this drug the way we do alcohol and tobacco can decrease its harmful effects while giving users the freedom to pursue their lifestyle choices.

According to federal government statistics, more than 100 million Americans have tried marijuana, 25 million have used it in the past year, and 14 million consume cannabis regularly. Any law disobeyed by 100 million citizens is bad public policy because it erodes the rule of law. The benefits to our economy via a hemp and cannabis industry, as well as reduced government spending in the War on Drugs, are obvious, but legalization is justified regardless.

Our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are enough to warrant legalization of marijuana. So be a good patriot – vote in favor of legalization, privilege science over sensationalism and take up if you want.

Beth Mendenhall is a senior in philosophy and political science while pursuing alternative lifestyles! Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

THE FOURUM

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The Campus Fourum is the Collegian's anonymous call-in system. The Fourum is edited to eliminate vulgar, racist, obscene and libelous comments. The Collegian's editorial board selects the most relevant, humorous or entertaining comments to be printed each day. The comments are not the opinion of the Collegian nor are they endorsed by the editorial staff.

A question for the Fourum: Does smoking tobacco out of a pipe automatically make me a gentleman?

I love hallway sports, but it makes me sad that it's probably going to get banned because of all the damage done to the lights and wires hanging from the wall.

To the guy driving around with the awesome truck that has the Confederate flag hanging from the bed: I hope some black people shoot you.

Dear Pink Floyd guy, I salute you.

To whoever was driving that Red Grand Cherokee backed up in the handicap stall without a handicap placard: I called Parking Services on you after I saw a real handicap person have to walk from the other end of the parking lot.

I just read Eli Neal's editorial and I don't even know where to begin. Are you sure he isn't a junior in high school?

Collegian, what are you trying to pull here?

Dear pros watching "Sports-Center" and the top ten plays at Kramer: The amateurs would like to let you know that we can take you any day

Maybe Snyder should take the hint.

The girl has a disease.

What the heck happened to all the brown cows?

If you are bored next week, you should go to Pat's Blue Ribb'n and Tuesday at 9 p.m. for a showcase of the best comedians in Manhattan.

They're called riding pants. Stop staring.

To the boy who stole the wreath off of my car: I hope Santa brings you coal this year.

To whoever was dropping porn all along Anderson: Thanks. You made my walk home much more entertaining.

I think I spent more time looking for a parking spot at the library than I did studying.

Supposed to be writing a sociology paper. Instead, I've been watching "Pawn Stars" for hours.

To the girl at Radina's who let me pick out which coffee I wanted: That was awesome.

I lost my iPod in Seaton Hall last night. I'll give a reward to whoever finds it.



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Feelings of entitlement do not reflect reality

I traveled to Spain over Thanksgiving break (here is where my friends roll their eyes and stop reading – I've literally talked about nothing else for weeks). This meant I was able to experience air travel on some of the busiest travel days of the year. Judging from the attitude of the passengers on my flights, people didn't have much to be thankful for this year.

"I remember when booze on these flights used to be free," grumbled the man in front of me as he shoveled out six dollars for a beer.

Behind me and to my right, a flight attendant told a man he couldn't listen to his iPod during landing. "That's just something you guys tell us to control us and make you feel superior," he snapped.

Our flight across the Atlantic was significantly behind schedule due to weather. When told she would miss her connecting flight, a matronly woman to my left shouted at the flight attendant, "You have got to be

kidding me! I have work in the morning!" as if she expected the young man to charter a flight himself and personally fly them home.

When did we become such an entitled society? We have this amazing technology in air travel and suddenly it is our right. We deserve free booze; we used to get it. We merit a flight home to Little Rock, Ark., just because we want it.

A friend was buying a computer recently and told me she was shocked, shocked, I tell you, that Microsoft Office didn't come pre-installed. "They should be required to put it on there," she said.

When did we get this idea that businesses owe us something other than what we pay for? Microsoft Office is very useful, why should we get it for free? Sometimes bad weather ruins a flight or financial realities require cutbacks – these are simple realities.

It should never be a surprise when corporations "only care about the bottom line." They are businesses, their goal is to make money – nothing more, nothing less. The global airline business is already slated to lose \$9 billion this year. If they don't worry about the bottom line, people won't have an airline industry to complain about.

Personally, I enjoy knowing a business is worried about making money. That makes them predictable. Their decisions might not be in my best interest, but I understand that they might cancel my flight back to Manhattan, and I can prepare myself accordingly.

The question of what is a right and what is a privilege is one that underpins many issues in our political discourse today. The fundamental disagreement in the health care debate is between those who think health care is a right and those who don't. Some people argue we have a right to a good job, or a college education, or a house – or marriage.

These are all legitimate debates about rights; gray areas that are difficult to define. But a business? They owe us what we pay them for. Nothing more, nothing less. If you don't want to deal with expensive alcohol, 15 minutes without your iPod or the possibility of missing your flight home, don't buy a plane ticket – I'd love some extra room on the plane.

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Car trouble leads Pearson to her career in psychology

By Pauline Kennedy
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Barbara Pearson's office is not like most at K-State. Complete with a coffee table, sofa and armchairs, her office is comfortable and inviting.

Pearson, assistant director of University Counseling Services, is a small, soft-spoken woman with a tranquil personality.

But underneath her calm exterior is a hectic, nonstop life she loves.

Growing up in what Pearson described as "a big, bubbly family" of eight, she has always been a people person. As the oldest child, she was also a caretaker of her younger siblings.

Pearson grew up in Massachusetts but spent most of her adult life in Vermont. Although she has been a licensed psychologist for more than 20 years, she originally majored in business and marketing at Castleton State College, near Rutland, Vt.

She received a degree in business and had her own consulting company. Even as a consultant, she was intrigued by people. At a time when computers were just coming into offices and Pearson was training employees to use them, she saw how these new technologies affected the workers.

This was Pearson's first glimpse into psychology. She noticed how tense and anxious people were when they were first learning to use the new systems.

"It sparked the passion for looking into change and how change affects people," she said. "That became my interest."

However, this was not the instance that completely changed Pearson's career path.



Tommy Theis | COLLEGIAN
Barbara Pearson, assistant director of University Counseling Services, changed her career after spending an evening hearing a stranger's problems.

In the middle of a Vermont winter on her way home from work, Pearson made a last-minute stop at a small in-home yarn shop. The quick stop turned into an entire evening because Pearson's car would not start in the cold winter air. The owner of the shop let her stay while she waited for

a mechanic, and the two talked over a cup of tea.

The woman who owned the shop told Pearson about her problems. She said she was heading to court for a custody fight the next day. The woman told her she had given up and did not expect to win. Having two children herself, Pearson listened and empathized with the woman. She told her how important a mother was to her children and helped the woman gain the confidence she needed before the hearing.

"I thought it was important to her," Pearson said.

That night started Pearson thinking about what she really wanted to be doing, and she considered psychology as a real possibility. Four months later when she received a card in the mail from the woman at the yarn shop, telling her she had received joint custody of her children, Pearson knew what she was going to do.

"It tipped the scale," she said. "This is what I really want to do."

Pearson began working toward her psychology degree in Antioch University New England, N.H., and eventually earned a master's degree.

After her children were grown, she decided to get her doctoral degree, which brought her to K-State. Although she originally came for a year-long internship, she has lived in Manhattan ever since and now has more than 20 years of psychology experience.

Along with being assistant director and a licensed psychologist, Pearson supervises K-State interns, co-leads a counseling training group, teaches several seminars and has a small private practice.

Heather Reed, director of student life, has worked with Pearson for five years and described her as a wonderful, welcoming person to work with.

"I appreciate her marvelous insight and knowledge and admire the way she can work with students," she said.

Pearson is also a creator and a manager for the Web site *UniversityLifeCafe.com*. The site has information on topics like depression and provides students with an opportunity to express themselves and have someone to talk with if they are having problems. Students can post their feelings on discussion boards, look at art and writings, receive academic tips and learn to manage stress.

Karen Low, assistant director of student life, who has worked with Pearson for about three years, said she is a still, reflective and nurturing individual.

"I respect her as a professional, and I enjoy her as a person," she said.

With many responsibilities, Pearson has little time to herself, but said she does not mind.

"I love what I do," Pearson said, "so it's not work."

Pearson is used to her on-the-go lifestyle, but said in the future she hopes to slow down. For now, when she wants to take a break, she likes to spend time cooking and said it is therapeutic for her.

Thirty years ago, when Pearson was working as a consultant and raising two kids, she never would have imagined that a winter day and engine trouble would eventually lead her to the many jobs she loves doing today.

H1N1 | Lafene recommends students get vaccinated, will distribute until supplies run out

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offered, and four more clinics are tentatively scheduled, Doyle said. There is a possibility of more on the way next semester based on availability of the vaccine.

"At this point we have plenty of vaccines, but obviously it depends on how many students come in and get them," Doyle said. "We'll run the clinics as long as it takes to get rid of our vaccines."

Doyle said Lafene recommends all students get vaccinated for H1N1 as well as the seasonal flu shot, which will be available each of the next three Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and from 1-4 p.m.

"It's for their own health and well-being," she said. "We want

to keep them healthy this semester. One of the best ways to do that is to get that vaccine."

Many K-State community members have already gotten the vaccine for various reasons.

Latanya Skillern, an employee for the K-State Student Union, said she has been trying to get vaccinated for several weeks and finally had the opportunity on Monday. Skillern said she received the vaccination for the sake of her two children's health.

Jessica Heuback, senior in communications studies, got vaccinated to appease her mother.

"My mom keeps bugging me about it, so that was a primary reason," Heuback said, "but I also don't want to get sick around finals time."

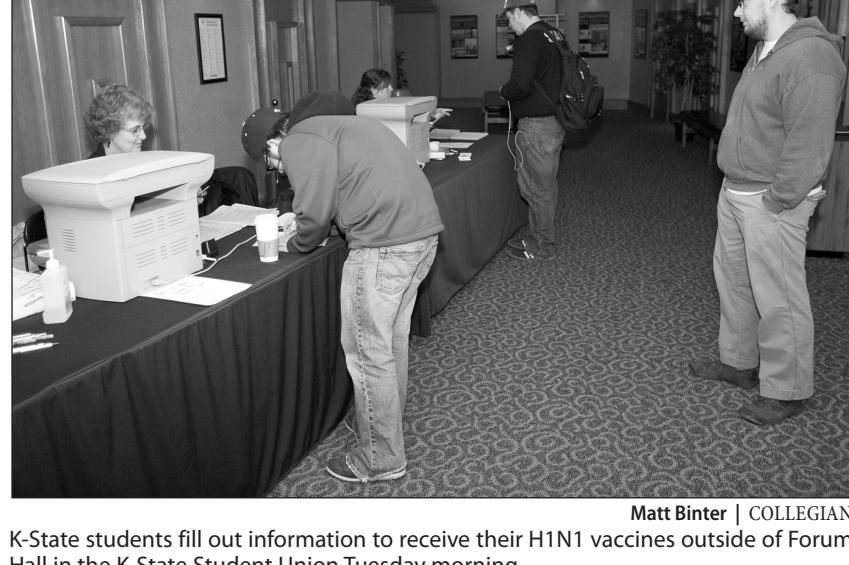
Heuback said though she

wasn't worried about getting sick, she would rather be on the safe side. She also received the seasonal flu shot earlier in the year.

Alise Dykstra, senior in international agribusiness, said she wouldn't have gotten vaccinated if her adviser for a class trip to South Africa over winter break hadn't asked her to do so.

If students cannot make it to the Lafene clinics, Doyle recommends they try to attend one of the those sponsored by the Riley County Health Department. The health department's next clinics will be held on Dec. 4 and Dec. 5 at the National Guard Armory at 721 Levee Drive.

A list of the upcoming H1N1 clinics can be found at Lafene's Web site at k-state.edu/lafene/h1n1fluvaccine.htm.



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K-State students fill out information to receive their H1N1 vaccines outside of Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union Tuesday morning.

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Nutter's Midweek Musings

Wednesday conundrums while men's basketball coach Frank Martin continues to be disgusted with his 5-1 basketball team.



JUSTIN NUTTER

• I've never questioned Martin's coaching ability this season, but it seems a little odd he's always so upset after games. I know the team hasn't played perfect basketball, but five wins in six tries is still pretty good.

• Speaking of Martin, I've come to love his postgame comments. When he compared freshman forward Jordan Henriquez-Roberts to Bambi and said the players looked like they'd lost their puppy dogs, I almost fell out of my chair.

• Bambi? Puppy dogs? Am I really hearing these things from a guy who looks like he could be in "The Godfather"? Maybe he has more of a soft side than I thought.

• Whether Martin is happy with his players' performance or not, I'd have to say their first six games have been pretty impressive (with the exception of the loss to Mississippi. That was ugly).

• The team that beat No. 18 Dayton in the third round of the Puerto Rico Tip-Off was one of the most complete K-State teams I've ever seen take the floor. I'd argue it was the Wildcats' best performance since they beat Kansas two years ago.

• If they can learn to play like that every game, it's hard to think they'd lose to anyone — KU and Texas included.

• With back-to-back games against Washington State and Xavier coming up fast, the Wildcats will need to learn to play consistently pretty quick. Those are two golden opportunities to pad their NCAA Tournament resumé.

• It's not like they won't have more chances — there are still two huge road games against Alabama and UNLV on the slate — but it can't hurt to start making your case early.

• As we've seen in the past, the tournament bubble has never been too kind to K-State, but this year's squad has the ability to stay off the bubble entirely.

• How bad could this team have used Curtis Kelly last year? I know it's early and K-State has yet to play its best competition, but Kelly is looking as good as if not better than advertised.

• According to Martin, Kelly has yet to buy into the system and is posting his current numbers on athletic ability alone. Just think about how good he'll be when he finally bites on what Martin is telling him.

• I'm sure it won't be a second coming of Michael Beasley, but let's face it: Kelly is a transfer from UConn and the Huskies don't take just anybody.

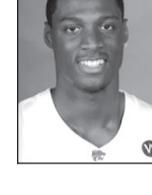
• I wonder if Victor Ojeleye and Martavious Irving would consider being two-sport athletes next season. Bill Snyder and company are looking for a couple linebackers and something tells me those two could hurt people on the gridiron.

• Maybe Ojeleye wouldn't mind trying his luck at tight end. Snyder will be looking to replace four-year starter Jeron Mastrud and I'd have to imagine Ojeleye has some good hands and pretty decent hops.

• Speaking of football, Virginia head coach Al Groh was fired earlier this week, along with his staff. That means Ron Prince is out of a job. Again. I wonder if anyone is looking for a special teams coordinator.

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Cutting it close



PLAYER OF THE GAME

Jamar Samuels: team high 21 points, team high seven rebounds

MEN'S BASKETBALL

76  83 

STAT OF THE GAME

K-State grabbed two more rebounds than Fort Hays State, out-rebounding the Tigers 35-33.

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Cats struggle in win against Fort Hays

By Tyler Scott
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State scratched out a nail-biter against Fort Hays State 83-76 Tuesday night in Bramlage Coliseum.

The game started out sloppy for the Wildcats. Head coach Frank Martin called a timeout within the first minutes of the game after the Tigers scored two straight baskets.

The team's first lead did not come until the five minute 40 second mark. When the Wildcats took a 27-26 lead, forcing a Fort Hays State timeout.

The Wildcats finished the first half on a 16-4 run and a 35-30 lead at the break, despite missing on all of their eight three-point attempts.

Junior guard Jacob Pullen said the team was not in sync.

"You look at people in your locker room and try to figure out what they're thinking and how they prepare for games," Pullen said. "Fort Hays State was ready to play and it turned into a dogfight. We just didn't come out with a lot of energy."

The first three-point basket for K-State did not come until five minutes had already expired off the clock in the second half. Pullen made the shot after he was fouled and turned it into a four-point play.

The team finished the game seven of 21 from 3-point range including three from Pullen.

Pullen said the team, as a whole is not as good as they should be.

"We aren't a good team at all right now," Pullen said. "We have good players, good moments, and great coaching. However, we also have bad moments and bad lapses where two people are playing and the other three don't know what's going on."

Pullen and sophomore forward Jamar Samuels led the Wildcats on offense. Samuels finished with a career high 21 points while Pullen had 20. The team also had 41 bench points out of the 83 total.

Head coach Frank Martin expressed his displeasure after the game.

"We've regressed since we got back from Puerto Rico," Martin said. "The team is still trying to find an identity and at some point, we'll find it."

Samuels said the team needs to stay focused on what is going on everyday.

"We can't overlook anybody," Samuels said. "We watched the tape on Fort Hays State and they didn't look as good on tape as they did tonight."

Freshman center Jordan Henriquez-Roberts didn't play in the game after playing only six

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Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Junior guard Jacob Pullen goes toward the rim for a layup in the Tuesday's game against Fort Hays State. Pullen drew a charging foul on the layup, but K-State went on to win 83-76.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats face Arkansas after first road victory



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN
K-state junior guard Shalin Spani shoots over a Washington State player during the first half of their game in Bramlage Coliseum on Nov. 20. K-State Beat Washington State for their first victory of the year 70-63.

By Justin Nutter
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State women's basketball team will finish a three-game road trip tonight when it takes on Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark.

The Wildcats (2-3) will enter tonight's contest looking to improve to an even .500 winning percentage on the year. They are coming off their first road victory of the season, a 65-62 win against BYU in Provo, Utah. The

Razorbacks (4-1) extended their current winning streak to three games in their last game, a 69-51

victory over Western Kentucky in the Caribbean Challenge in Cancun, Mexico.

Prior to tonight's matchup, K-State has faced Arkansas a total of four times. The teams squared off last year in the final game of the Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic in Manhattan, which the Wildcats won 65-56. The last time K-State traveled to Fayetteville was in 1982 when the Razorbacks claimed a 68-53 victory.

Overall, the Wildcats led the series 3-1.

K-State has been paced this

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OUTDOORS

Deer-hunters, Kansas looking for big bucks

By Aaron Weiser
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The 2009 Kansas firearm deer season opened this morning at a half hour before sunrise and will run through Dec. 13.

One of the most popular hunting seasons in the state, deer season attracts hunters from youth half the size of a rifle to seasoned veterans.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks announced earlier this fall that in 2008 it sold more than 72,000 deer permits. With a success rate of more than 50 percent, the expected harvest this year is projected at the 80,000 mark.

This number may astound some proponents of deer hunting argue that populations need controlled. The Kansas Department of Transportation recorded more than 9,000 traffic accidents due to deer in 2008 with 318 resulting in injury and six being fatal. Of total traffic accidents in the state, 14 percent were initially caused by a deer.

"It's first and foremost a biological control issue," said Thomas Warner, professor and head of horticulture, forestry and recreational services. "The deer start eating up habitat and causing problems."

Warner said a new hunting area was recently created near Johnson County, Kan. to help control urban deer populations.

Hunters old and young like to take part in the earliest days of the season that fall within rut, or mating season for deer. It has been popular for high school students in small rural communities to skip school for the opening of firearm season, but the impact at college seems a bit lacking in that regard.

"College students have a tough time when it comes to

hunting," said Keith Lynch, associate professor of horticulture, forestry and recreational services. "Unless they live off-campus, they can't even have a gun here. We don't see many students skipping class for opening day, but there are some that, if they don't have many classes, may stay at home a few days extra on the weekend so they can get a deer."

Some students, however, utilize the option of public wildlife areas, controlled by the state. Tuttle Creek State Park hosts a public walk-in hunting area boasting some 12,000+ acres. Hunters can hunt deer, birds and other small game with a free daily, public permit acquired on site.

K-State-Salina student Joshua Pack, freshman in professional pilot, has been hunting since he was 8 years old.

"I primarily hunt walk-in hunting areas, and I do plan on doing a little hunting with a rifle during the late season in January," Pack said. "I like deer hunting because it gives me the opportunity to go out in the woods and observe things that normally people who don't hunt wouldn't get to see, like a 6-month-old fawn playing with a turkey."

The real attraction for the state and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, however, is the number of hunters that come from out of state. Hunting permits this year, combined with the tag hunters need for their deer during regular season are \$53 for in-state residents who do not own land.

Nonresident who own no land in Kansas have to pay \$395 for a deer hunting permit.

Out-of-state permits are giv-

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New award honors K-State's classified employees

By Sheila Ellis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

An award has been created to recognize behind-the-scenes work of K-State's support staff – work that otherwise might have gone unnoticed.

Nominations for the K-State Classified Award of Excellence are open until Jan. 22 for students, faculty and staff to nominate an exemplary support staff employee.

The purpose of the award is to recognize performance and contributions of classified staff members who consistently excel in their positions and dem-

onstrate integrity and a strong commitment to the mission and values of K-State.

Classified employees are university workers who are not faculty members or students.

"A lot of the work they do is behind the scenes," said Barb Nagel, academic records manager and member of the award selection committee. "They support the university just like faculty and students do. They make huge contributions to the campus."

Three winners will be selected by a university-wide committee in the following support staff areas: office and clerical,

technical and professional and service maintenance.

A university-wide selection committee of 10 members will choose the winners based on outstanding achievement and performance, inspirations of excellence in others and initiative and creativity.

Jennifer Gehrt, director of human resource services, who is in charge of the selection committee, said in the past there was a classified employee of the year selected from each campus department.

"But having three major winners makes it more elite and special," she said.

The winners will receive \$500 and a letter of acknowledgment from the university president. Their names will be added to a plaque in Anderson Hall, and they will be acknowledged in the K-State newsletter.

"So many of the departments have cut their budgets, so there are not too many opportunities to use salaries to recognize what they do," Gehrt said. "This will just be another way to recognize the good work that they do."

To nominate a classified employee go to k-state.edu/hr/forms/excellence.pdf.

Vinyl records surviving in today's digital period

By Troy Weatherford
OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY

As CD sales continue to decline, a resurgence of vinyl record sales has proven to be a small ray of hope to the music industry.

According to the 2008 Nielsen Soundscan, 1.88 million vinyl records were sold in 2008, compared to 990,000 in 2007, an increase of 89 percent. During that same time, combined sales of CDs, LPs and digital files fell by 14 percent. Vinyl long play and extended play records were the only non-digital music sales that went up in 2008, according to the Recording Industry Association of America.

In early November of this year, vinyl record sales exceeded 2 million for the year. That number is up 37 percent from the same time last year, according to *Billboard.biz*.

Guestroom Records, a music store with locations in Norman, Okla., and Oklahoma City, makes about one-half of its sales in vinyl, co-owner Travis Searle said.

One factor driving the resurgence of vinyl is a new tendency of record labels to include a CD or digital download of the album with the vinyl. About nine out of 10 new albums come with this access to a digital copy, Searle said.

The average Guestroom Records buyer is in his or her early 20s to mid-30s, Searle said, but record collectors come in all ages. Searle has seen people as young as eight and as old as 80 buy albums on vinyl.

Sound quality is a major factor for many audiophile record collectors.

"It sounds so much crisper to me than a CD," said Will Mitas, senior at Oklahoma University. "[It's] more like I'm at a concert."

Mitas has been collecting records since his girlfriend bought him a turntable during his sophomore year of high school. Since then, his collection has grown to around 100 record albums.

"There's a certain mood transferred over vinyl ... The crackle of the needle on the record is a nostalgic aspect of it," Mitas said.

Searle said listening to a vinyl album is a more engaging experience than listening to a CD or an album on a computer. The

album must be removed from its sleeve and flipped halfway through. The listener also has to switch discs on double albums.

"It's an active listening experience as opposed to a passive one," he said.

Searle said record collecting can either be a cheap or very expensive hobby.

"You can get a great big stack of vinyls for \$500, or you can get a minuscule stack," Searle said. "It all depends on what you want."

There can be a major difference in the cost of albums, even within the same genre and time period. Classic rock albums from second and third-tier artists can be found used for \$1 to \$5. Bigger artists like The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and Pink Floyd usually cost more, Searle said.

Guestroom Records offers used vinyls for \$3 and less. These albums are either store duplicates, have not sold or have condition issues, Searle said.

While some new vinyl albums are priced comparably to their CD counterparts, most albums are more expensive on vinyl. Some albums are only \$1 or \$2 more, but some are double the cost of the same CD, something Searle said makes them harder to sell.

"It's hard to convince people to spend twice as much money," he said.

On *Amazon.com*, an MP3 download of the "Twilight: New Moon" soundtrack is \$8.99. The same album on vinyl is \$27.53.

Searle said there is something different about owning a vinyl compared to owning an iTunes download.

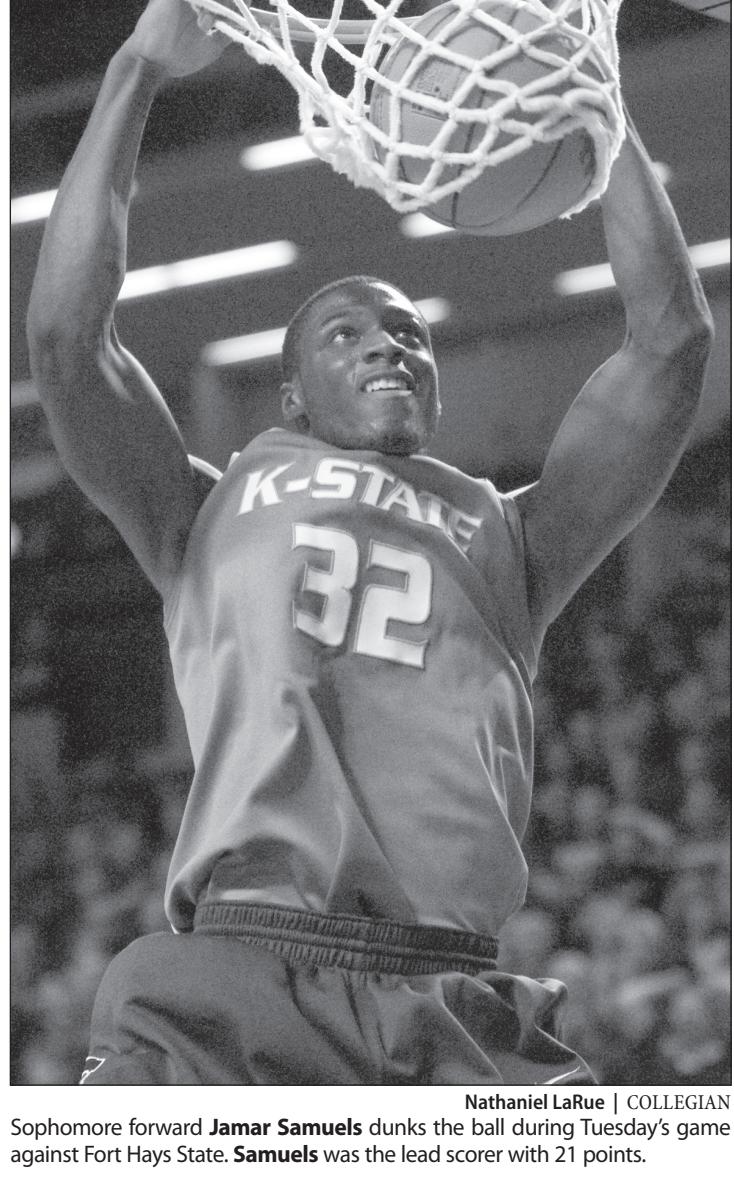
"It seems like if you spend money on something you should get something out of it," he said. "With records, you actually have something. The difference is whether you want to own it or have a file on your computer."

Some albums have parts that cannot be heard on their CD releases, Mitas said. For example, the end of The Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" has a number of strange sounds, including a dog whistle. Those sounds cannot be heard on the CD, Mitas said.

"Being able to sit down and actually hear everything you're supposed to hear – it's pretty cool," Searle said.

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HAYS | Wildcats win close game



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Sophomore forward **Jamar Samuels** dunks the ball during Tuesday's game against Fort Hays State. **Samuels** was the lead scorer with 21 points.

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minutes in the Wildcats' the previous match. Freshman forward Wally Judge only played five minutes and took just one shot.

Martin said the team was lacking in a numerous amount of categories.

"There wasn't a lot of effort, enthusiasm, desire, or focus from our players tonight," Martin said.

The team was out rebounded

35-33 after having a four-board advantage in the first half.

With the victory tonight, K-State is now 6-1 on the season. The team's next home game will be against Washington State, and the second out of a four game home stand. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. on December 5.

For video coverage of last night's game visit us at kstatecollegian.com.

BASKETBALL |

Wildcats prepare to take on Arkansas

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season by its only two seniors, forward Ashley Sweat and guard Kari Kincaid, who are averaging 17 and 12 points per game, respectively. Sweat also leads the team in rebounding with 7.2 boards per outing.

Arkansas has a trio of players averaging double figures in scoring this season. Senior guard Charity Ford has led the Razorbacks' charge this season with 13 points per game while a pair of sophomores, guard Lyndsay Harris and forward Ashley Daniels, are scoring 12.4 and 10.6 points per contest, respectively. Daniels also averages a team-high seven rebounds per game.

The Wildcats will return home to host the 2009 edition of the Wildcat Classic this weekend. Tonight's matchup marks the final road action for K-State until they travel to Las Vegas for a Dec. 19 game against Hawaii in the first round of the Duel in the Desert.

HUNTING | Rifle season opens today for deer-hunters

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en on a lottery draw basis.

According to a press release by the KDWP, 6,349 Nonresident Deer Permits were drawn for 2009, resulting in revenues of up to \$2,507,855.

Not all permits cost the same based on land ownership and group hunts, but the result still shows a fair influx of hunters for the short 12-day sport season.

According to KDWP, the first Kansas deer season in modern times was held in 1965, and less than half of the state was open. Biologists estimated state deer numbers at about 30,000; 3,900 permits were issued, and firearms hunters took approximately 1,340 deer.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

LOPEZ RECEIVES PROTECTIVE ORDER AGAINST EX-HUSBAND

Jennifer Lopez received a "protective order" against her ex-husband Ojani Noa yesterday, according to *Eonline.com*.

According to the Web site, Noa, who threatened to release a sex tape featuring him spanking Lopez, is not allowed to publicize "confidential information" about the singer, actress and fashion designer.



Lopez

Noa and Ed Meyer, Noa's agent, said the order was barely legible because the judge wrote in "Sharpie pen" and added that they plan to challenge the order, according to *Eonline.com*.

Meyer claimed he and his client were not invited to the hearing, despite being the defendants, and said he planned to return to court today to challenge the judge's decision, according to the Web site.

According to *Eonline.com*, the order will remain in effect throughout any additional hearings and legal proceedings until the court makes a final decision about the video.

Lopez has already won \$545,000 from Noa after he attempted to write a book about their relationship, which ended over ten years ago. According to *Eonline.com*, Lopez won the suit about the book because the project went against a confidentiality agreement Noa had agreed to with Lopez.

SYLVESTER STALLONE'S CAR FOUND AFTER 15 YEARS

The car Sylvester Stallone drove in the movie "Cobra" was stolen 15 years ago and recently resurfaced on an online car auction, according to *TMZ.com*.



Stallone

Stallone filed a lawsuit against the company running the auction but did not directly accuse them of stealing the car back in 1994, according to the Web site.

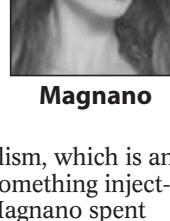
According to *TMZ.com*, Stallone designed the 1950 Mercury himself to fit perfectly with his role in the movie. Stallone called the car "iconic," according to the Web site, and said someone stole the car, worth over \$250,000, in 1994. He said it somehow arrived at a company in charge of finding "on-camera vehicles" for films. Stallone said he asked the company's owner to return the car but his requests were ineffective, according to *TMZ.com*.

According to the Web site, the company in charge of the auction removed the car from bidding after Stallone brought the situation to their attention, but still has not acceded to Stallone's other demands: that they return the car and pay him \$3 million for using both his name and his image to publicize the auction.

Stallone and his lawyer filed the lawsuit with the Los Angeles, Calif. County Superior Court and opened it with the quote "Crime is a disease. Meet the cure" from "Cobra."

FORMER MISS ARGENTINA DIES FROM BUTT IMPLANT

Solange Magnano, former Miss Argentina, died Sunday after undergoing a gluteoplasty – more commonly known as a butt lift, according to *Time.com*.



Magnano

According to the Web site, the 37-year-old beauty queen and model died when liquid injected during the implant surgery somehow ended up in her lungs and brain. The liquid caused

a pulmonary embolism, which is an artery blocked by something injected into a person. Magnano spent three days in a Buenos Aires hospital's critical care unit before she passed away, according to the Web site.

Magnano had a husband, 7-year-old twins and a modeling agency, according to *Time.com*. According to the Web site, Magnano's friend Roberto Piazza said to the Associated Press, "A woman who had everything lost her life to have a slightly firmer behind."

Magnano won the Miss Argentina crown in 1994 and was recently preparing for a December runway show, according to *Time.com*.

According to the Web site, Magnano's death came in the midst of a debate in Argentina about whether to pass a bill politicians are considering as part of a Senate health bill. The bill under consideration would implement a 5 percent tax on plastic surgeries.

Compiled by Elena Buckner

'Tis the season



Photo illustration by Erin Poppe

Holidays vary in celebration, customs

While merchandise, advertisements, movies and television are constant reminders that Christmas is just around the corner, several other religious celebrations play a prominent role in American homes this month.

CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holiday is celebrated by Christians and non-Christians alike on Dec. 25. The word "Christmas" comes from a compound of "Christ's Mass" and generally corresponds for Christians with the birth of Jesus. Dec. 25 is not known to be the birthdate of Christ, but it corresponds with what is originally thought to be the Roman Holiday of Winter Solstice.

This holiday, although rooted in religious tradition, has acquired secular traditions, like giving gifts, singing carols and sending celebratory cards, and the myth of Santa Claus or Father Christmas as a fictional character that brings children presents.

Although the contemporary version of Christmas revolves around the purchase and giving of gifts, it is not the only way to interpret the holiday. Wes Withrow, a minister affiliated with Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, said he sees Christmas as "more of a religious holiday. I spend time with family and celebrate the birth of Christ."

Newadvent.org

HANUKKAH

Also known as Chanukah or "The Festival of Lights," this eight-day holiday is celebrated by members of the Jewish faith. Each year, it begins on the 25th day of Kislev, the third month of the nine-month year according to the Hebrew calendar. The celebration generally falls between late November and late December on the Gregorian calendar.

This year, Hanukkah is from Dec. 11-19. It is eight days spent in celebration of the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. A special, eight-stemmed candelabra, known as a menorah, is used by lighting one candle each night of the holiday.

Many menorahs have a central ninth stem. The ninth stem holds the shamash – Hebrew for guard or servant – which is a candle specifically used to light the other eight candles.

Kwanzaa lasts from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 and celebrates the seven principles of Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, co-

during the celebration.

During the candle lighting ceremonies, three blessings are recited. On the first night, all three prayers are recited, but for the remaining seven days only two are recited. The prayers are spoken either before or after the candle is lit, depending on the traditions of the family.

Other customs associated with the holiday are foods fried in olive oil such as latkes, or potato pancakes; playing dreidel, a four-sided spinning top; and Hanukkah gelt, or money distributed to children to enhance the celebration.

Hannah Leventhal, senior in animal sciences, participates in the holiday every year along with her family.

"On the first night, we would have a big dinner, then we would say prayers, have a nice dessert, and then we would light the menorah and give gifts," Leventhal said.

She said on the first night, her family would start out with small gifts, and would get larger gifts by the eighth night, which was very exciting.

"We ate latkes ... and applesauce and then for dessert, the tradition is sugar cookies," she said. "As a family, we would cut out shapes, like the Star of David, dreidels and menorahs. After the desserts, my brother and I would play dreidel with M&Ms or pennies. It was a good way to get our family together for the holiday."

Jewishencyclopedia.com

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is a tradition created within the United States and is primarily celebrated by the black community. The word Kwanzaa means "fresh fruits" and comes from the Swahili language to represent Pan-Africanism.

Ron Karenga, an African-American author, political activist and college professor, created Kwanzaa in 1966 as the first specifically black holiday to celebrate African history and heritage. The holiday's creation was highly influenced by the Black Nationalist Movement of the 1960s, of which Karenga was an active member.

Kwanzaa lasts from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 and celebrates the seven principles of Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, co-

operative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

Kwanzaa features a candelabra called a kinara, which is lit during the celebration.

During the celebration, women wear kaftans – traditional African robes – and decorate their homes with art and fresh fruit. Families also pour libations in a ceremony to honor their ancestors each day of Kwanzaa.

Activities central to Kwanzaa include dancing, singing, artistic performances and, lastly, a feast called Karamu.

K-State holds a Kwanzaa celebration in the K-State Student Union every year to share information about the holiday. The celebration features speakers and faculty who come in and explain the meaning and importance of Kwanzaa.

The Black Student Union is still in the planning phase for this year's Kwanzaa celebration, but Brandon Hall, sophomore in marketing, said he celebrated Kwanzaa before he went to K-State.

Hall said this year the festivities will include snacks and drinks, faculty and speakers who will talk about the holiday along with the lighting on the candles in the kinara. The Kwanzaa celebration should take place next week.

Maulanakarenga.org

OTHER CELEBRATIONS

A few other celebrations that happen internationally in December are St. Nicholas Day, Bodhi Day and Las Posadas.

St. Nicholas Day is celebrated in northern Europe on Dec. 6, and traditionally children place their boots next to the fireplace so St. Nicholas can fill them with candy.

Bodhi Day is a Buddhist celebration to commemorate the enlightenment of Buddha and is celebrated on Dec. 8 each year.

Las Posadas takes place between Dec. 16 and Dec. 24 in Mexico and is a celebration featuring a reenactment of the struggles Mary and Joseph, parents of Jesus Christ, experienced as they searched for a place where Jesus could be born.

Buzzle.com

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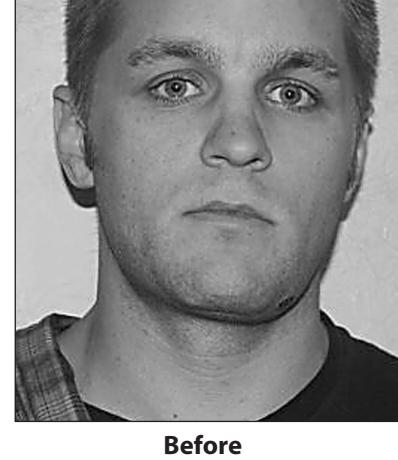
Student crowned winner of No-Shave-November

By Elena Buckner
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

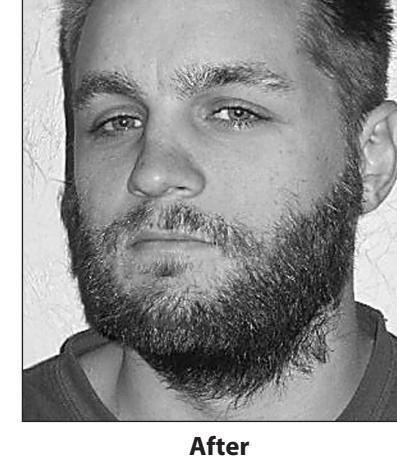
After one month of beard-growing, here are the before and after results from both our editors and from our student winner of the No-Shave-November challenge.

Joseph Rodriguez, senior in computer engineering, grew an impressive beard over the past 30 days and has won the honor of Most Impressive Beard from the Collegian editorial board.

JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ



Before



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Before



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Before



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GROWTH | No leases signed for new retail center

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business too much. However, the People's Grocery has had problem with customers as suming the store is not open for business.

"We've been working on putting advertisements in a few papers," he said.

Brelsford also said parking has been difficult at times.

Doug Maryott, managing member for 17th Street Properties L.L.C. said at the moment no leases have been signed and the company is not sure what stores will be going into the retail center, but he thinks the construction will be very positive for the community.

The location of the new developments is expected to play a significant role in the businesses' success. Cattell said it is great to have it near both a major east-to-west road like Fort Riley Boulevard and a major north-to-south road like 17th Street.

Cattell said historically the area has always been used for retail.

"I think it's pretty good for that type of use," he said.

CITY | Commissioners upset over new hotel's 'limestone' facade

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what-so-ever to the pavilion or downtown."

Commissioners asked the designers of the hotel to use the savings they should receive during the current recession to incorporate better building materials into the facing of the hotel.

Strawn said the city spent 42 percent less than projected in the sewer system project and saved enough money to put in a slide and a lazy river in the rebuilt city park pool during the past several months and foresaw no reason for the construction of the hotel to produce similar savings.

The hotel designers said the limestone facing envisioned for the hotel is "adhere limestone."

Strawn said the "adhere limestone" was not the six-inch thick limestone facing like what the city used on the Wefald Pavilion or in the downtown business district, but said it was more like chicken wire with two-inch thick limestone glued to it and grout slapped over it in an attempt to cover the exposed wire.

The commissioners tension eased slightly when Jason Hilgers, assistant city manager, said the ordinance was to allow basic plotting of lots and dividing of the land into private owned and city owned portions that would allow basic building to move forward.

The commission passed the first reading 5-0.

The Manhattan Surgery Hospital request on the agenda for economic development funds to expand their facility failed before the commission 4-1.

"I support the mayor in this in that economic development funds should be invested in creating jobs that would not have otherwise been created in the community," Morris-Hardeman said.

Commissioner Bruce Snead defended the request by saying the previous commission gave Mercy Regional Health Center \$1 million without any guarantees for job creation.

Bernie Hayen, director of finance, presented two new parking zone requests and the commission voted unanimously to allow the zones to be implemented.

The final agenda item, did not require a vote, was a work session to allow public input on the schematic plans of the Flint Hills Discovery Center. After Fred Goode and Gerry Hilferty of Hilferty and Assoc. presented their concept design of the building and exhibits, the commission gave two K-State professors a chance to speak.

Lauren Ritterbush, associate professor of archaeology and Brad Logan, research associate professor of archaeology, read formal statements to the commission concerning the organization of the proposed exhibits.

Ritterbush said the commission was missing the opportunity to represent the Native Americans that lived in the Flint Hills accurately and as a part of the region, not as static bystanders, which is how they have been represented by other historical museums in the past.

Snead thanked the professors for their comments and agreed with the rest of the commission that the progress made thus far on the discovery center was acceptable and wanted to move forward with design plans and development.

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About a dozen Manhattan firefighters mull around a house on the 1900 block of Hayes Drive after putting out a fire in the home Tuesday afternoon. The Manhattan Fire department received an alarm that the house was on fire just after 2 p.m. and had the fire under control by 2:12 p.m., said Steve Shepek, battalion chief of the fire department. Four people were in the house at the time of the fire, all escaped without injuries. The blaze started in the kitchen from a cooking fire and remained confined to the kitchen, but caused smoke damage to the house, Shepek said. The Red Cross will be providing the family with lodging and clothing for a few days. Shepek said the damage was estimated at \$30,000 to the structure and \$12,000 to contents. The family had recently moved into the house, and did not have renter's insurance.

Matt Binter
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POLICE REPORT

Rifle reported stolen

By Sarah Rajewski
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A local woman reported a burglary to the Riley County Police Department on Monday, Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. said.

Jodie Prawl, 48, of 3381 Mineral Springs Spur, reported that a Ruger rifle, 160 tablets of oxycodone and a house key were stolen, amounting to \$1,052, Crosby said.

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